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SUBJ: ANGOLAN RECOGNITION

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1. I FINALLY SAW FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO MORNING NOV 11
AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM QUESTION OF ANGOLAN RECOGNITION.
I EXPLAINED USG'S UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT SITUATION
IN ANGOLA AS DESCRIBED PARAS 4, 6 AND 7 OF REFTEL A.

2. ZERBO WAS, FOR ONCE, REASONABLY WELL
BRIEFED AND HE AGREED WITH OUR ESTIMATES OF CURRENT
SITUATION IN ANGOLA. HE SAID OAU PRESIDENT AMIN
HAD SENT URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL AFRICAN CHIEFS OF
STATES CALLING FOR EMERGENCY SESSION OF HEADS OF
STATES NOV 11. CONSENSUS NOW APPEARS TO BE THAT
THIS WAS NOT PRACTICAL AND THAT, AT ANY RATE, OAU
COULD NOT ALTER PRESENT SITUATION.

3. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION, ZERBO SAID THAT GOUV
HAD NO INTENTION OF RECOGNIZING MPLA AS GOVERNMENT
OF ANGOLA, AT LEAST NOT FOR TIME BEING. DEPLORING
THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE VARIOUS FACTIONS TO FORM
COALITION GOVERNMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY OAU, ZERBO
EXPRESSED OPINION THAT CIVIL WAR WOULD NOW BE
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WAGED WITH INCREASED VIGOR AND DETERMINATION ON

BOTH SIDES. HE SAID THAT, BEFORE MAKING A DECISION
ON RECOGNITION, UPPER VOLTA WOULD WAIT TO SEE
WHICH FACTION WOULD, IN THE END, OBTAIN
EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE TERRITORY AND THE POPULATION
OF ANGOLA. HE ASSUMED THAT MOST OF THE OTHER
AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WOULD DO LIKEWISE.
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